

—Fairmont is to have a new bank building at a cost of \$27,000.  
—Doth not the poet say June showers bring July flowers?  
—Strawberries have made their appearance in our market.

As twice eleven are twenty-two, how can twice ten be twenty, too?  
—The Supreme Court of West Virginia is now in session in Wheeling.  
—An itch for office does not always lead to a niche in the temple of fame. This is a humorous remark.

—Judge Brannon recently added a pet turtle to his collection of curiosities.  
—Wilson Arnold fell off the forebay at the mill one day last week and fractured his arm.

—The County Court appropriated \$150 for the repair of the West Fork Bridge.

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The new 20-cent silver coin is out, fresh from the mint. On one side is a spread eagle and the words "United States of America—Twenty cents." On the other side the stars, the Goddess, and 1875. It is larger, by its rim, than the five-cent nickel, and about the same thickness.

**BALTIMORE CATTLE MARKET.**—In the market report this week West Virginia was not represented. Prices were as follows: Very best on sale 64½¢; first quality 63½¢; medium or good fair quality 62½¢; ordinary thin steers, oxen and cows 44½¢; general average of the market 63½¢; extreme range of prices 44½¢; most of the sales were from 54½¢.

**LUCKY MAN.**—On Saturday night last a worthy citizen of Summers county, who had been a husband for ten years without having any one to call him "Pa," was made a father. On the same night his faithful mare dropped a fine colt, his sow had a calf, a pet cat gave birth to nine kittens, and a favorite hen hatched fourteen chicks. "How high is that!"—*Mountain Herald.*

The dispatches announce a great flood in Kansas and Missouri, which has caused the destruction of untold millions of grasshoppers. So many indeed, have been killed, that there is a general rejoicing, and it is thought that Governor Hardin, of Missouri will issue a proclamation charging the day set apart as one of fasting and prayer, to one of general thanksgiving for the relief from the pest, thus unexpectedly vouchsafed.

**ACCIDENT.**—On Monday last, a young son of Sylvanus Queen, of Middle Run, Lewis county, met with a severe accident. He came up behind a young man who was chopping wood just as he was raising the axe, and the full force of the blow coming on the little fellow's face, inflicted a severe wound, laying open his nose from his forehead down to his mouth. Dr. Dent was called and dressed the wound, and reports the patient doing well.

**MASONIC.**—At the meeting of West Lodge No. 10, A. F. & A. M., held on the first Monday in June, 1875, the following persons were elected as officers for the ensuing year:

**Master.**—George Ross  
**Senior Warden.**—W. G. Bennett  
**Junior Warden.**—Charles O'Hare  
**Treasurer.**—William H. Aspinall  
**Secretary.**—G. W. Strickler  
**Senior Deacon.**—T. G. Dawson  
**Junior Deacon.**—W. J. Daugherty  
**Tiler.**—J. S. Wilkinson.

We have just been put in possession of another strong argument in favor of the building of the new railroad up the Tygart Valley river. Two of our citizens have been prospecting for silver ore in Barbour county for some months past, and actually believe they have found this precious metal in abundance. One of the prospectors returned the other day with a coffee sack filled with what he called the "richest kind of silver ore." Upon examination it proved to be a rather inferior specimen of iron ore! Build the road!—*Grafton Sentinel.*

**A LARGE POPLAR.**—Mr. P. A. Boyd, who lives near Rocky Point, in Monroe county, a short time since, cut and hauled to the steam saw-mill at the Point, a Yellow Poplar tree, which turned out nine thousand five hundred feet of plank! The tree produced ten logs which were ten feet in length. The top log, or the log nearest the top of the tree, measured three feet in diameter, in the yellow. The tree was cut on the lands of Mr. Porterfield Boyd. The lumber from this one tree was sufficient to erect a comfortable and good-sized dwelling house, for which purpose it was used.—*Lewisburg Independent.*

**THE PEOPLE WANT PROOF.**—There is no medicine prescribed by physicians, or sold by druggists, that carries such evidence of its success and superior virtue as *Boschee's German Syrup* for severe Coughs, Colds settled on the Breast, Consumption, or any disease of the Throat and Lungs, a proof of that fact is that any person afflicted, can get a Sample Bottle for 10 cents and try its superior effect before buying the regular size at 75 cts. It has lately been introduced in this country from Germany, and its wonderful cures are astonishing everyone that uses it. Three doses will relieve any case. Try it. Sold by W. G. B. Simpson & Co., Druggists, West.

**NEW ENGINE.**—Ira Hart, the indefatigable machinist, of Clarksburg, recently put up a new engine and boiler at the Weston Mills. The concern "works like a charm," and a peculiar advantage in it is, that the furnace burns its own smoke. The dense clouds of fumes and smoke which have hitherto annoyed the housewives of that locality are now abolished.—Like all the work sent out by Mr. Hart, this machinery is of the best character; and has won the smiles of the engineer and a good word from all who have seen it.

—Mr. Hart has also furnished an engine and boiler for the Weston Steam Tannery.

**A CARD.**—I would desire to say to the patrons of my Mills that I have spared no pains nor money to make the Weston Mills a success; and at last I am enabled to notify the public that I am now prepared to grind for all on the shortest notice. New steam works have lately been added to the mill, under the supervision of Ira Hart, of Clarksburg, the noted millinist, and I am now running three pairs of burrs, with two new bolting machines, of the latest improvement, something that was never done in this country before, and with the efficient miller, Mr. G. L. Tracy, I am prepared to do good work, and challenge the State to beat him. I am paying the highest cash price for grain, and have constantly on hand flour, meal and feed for sale for cash at the mill.

A. W. WOODFORD.  
Weston, June 10.  
Office at Vassar's.

## To the Memory of Uncle John White

BY A FRIEND  
Uncle has gone, for God has called him,  
Angel hands have borne him home;  
Now he is happy with his Savior,  
Singing anthems around his throne.  
Though our Uncle dear has left us,  
And through heavenly fields doth roam,  
Though in sorrow he left us,  
We can say, "Thy will be done."  
Yes, Uncle's soul among the angels,  
Chanting songs of heavenly strain;  
Though we miss him, sadly miss him,  
We would not call him back again.  
Now we hear the angels singing,  
As around his throne they stand,  
Hallelujah in the highest,  
"Peace on earth, good-will toward men."  
Though on earth no more we'll see him,  
And on earth no more he'll roam,  
Church mates, friends, and all his loved ones,  
Cheered by the thought God took him home.  
Soon we'll join our darling Uncle,  
And in heaven united stand,  
Singing praises to our Savior,  
All in one united band.  
Farewell, Uncle! Farewell loved one,  
Though you're left a stricken band,  
We shall love you, always love you,  
"Till united we shall stand."  
Columbus, Ohio, May 10.

Dr. George B. Morris, of the firm of Morris, Jarrett & Hall, Dentists, 1314 5th Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., will visit this place twice a year—spring and fall—notwithstanding others report to the contrary.

The Staunton Virginian understands that grasshoppers have made their appearance in comparatively large numbers in some sections of Augusta county, and have begun the work of destruction with an appetite that bids fair to devour grass, grain and foliage. The Virginian says the indications point to a very small harvest this year, and there is a general apprehension of a great falling off in the corn crop.

**NOTICE TO THE GRANGERS OF LEWIS AND BRAXTON COUNTIES.**—The Lewis County Council of the Patrons of Husbandry will meet on Stone Coal, in the hall of Orion Grange, No. 47, Lewis county, June 10, 1875, at 10 o'clock A. M. Granges of Lewis and Braxton counties, will please send delegates, with the proper credentials and fee of membership. Be prompt, as business will commence early. By order of the Executive Committee.  
G. V. FORNASH, Chairman.

**DIED.**—Editors Democrat.—Please insert this obituary. I ask this because I know the deceased had a good many friends here who will be glad to hear of his death. The deceased of whom I write came into the county two or three years ago, or about the same time the Colorado potato bug did, but was not of as long duration. It strived to accomplish something, but failed. I presume the reason was because there was a disease working upon its frames called Blind External Fistula, which finally closed its unsuccessful life. The friends of the deceased gathered at the school-house for the purpose of holding forth, but finding Mr. T. Association in a bad condition, they concluded to wait awhile; but they did not have to wait long, for at half past 3 o'clock, on the 28th, Mr. T. Association departed this transitory life. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. J. Lock. I would just say to the friends weep not, for things are not what they seem.  
Respectfully,  
O. SHAW.  
Georgetown, May 31.

**ITEMS FROM THE INDEPENDENT STATE.**—Editors Democrat.—Having just returned from the Capital of the Independent State, I will give you my gleanings in the way of items while there. Court convened on the 26th, and adjourned on the 30th ult. Five indictments were found by the Grand Jury, and considerable business transacted by the Court. If we should judge from evidence given before the Grand Jury, "Harris' best" is both plenty and cheap at Addison; for a witness stated that he could get whiskey any time to "get tight on," without money or without price. He would either deposit his empty bottle in the paw-paw bushes, where it would be filled by some fairy, or borrow of a "mutual friend," to be returned at pleasure. Cannot say whether it is Moulton, Skidmore or Harris whom they claim as their "mutual friend."

Quite an amusing joke was gotten off at the expense of one of the Grand Jurors which, perhaps, will bear relating. The last evening that the Grand Jury were impaneled, it was noticed that one of the jurors did not put in an appearance, but as they had almost finished up their business before noon, it was not thought proper to investigate the cause of his absence. So when the clerk, in calling over the names of the jurors prior to their discharge, called the name of this juror, no one responded. Again the same name was called, and again silence reigned supreme for a few moments, when the Judge broke silence by pronouncing the single word, "drunk," and the roll call went on and only fifteen jurors received mileage.—Had the pleasure of meeting Sargent of the Enterprise, together with several other Beverly boys. We attended one of Aunt Sally Miller's Concerts together, and I think they will occur with me in saying we had a jolly time. "Ham" Collins furnished the music, and it was whispered that Aaron Bell and Doc Gibson furnished the "Oh be joyful" Being a G. T. myself, I would not presume to vouch as to the truth of the assertion; but on the contrary, and in justice to those gentlemen, I think it was a company contribution. But be this as it may, the boys all seemed to enjoy themselves; and Leonard Kettle remarked that there was but one thing wanting to complete his happiness, and that was for his wife to view his performances unobserved. Sargent doubted the possibility, however; and while I think of it, I will deliver a message which Aunt Sally Miller intrusted to my care for "Ken" Crawford; and as the message is an imperative one, I take this as the quickest way of delivering it. It is this: Aunt Sally wants those teeth—says the old Sally won't the best. He may understand the message, but I acknowledge it is a dark one to me.  
KIDDER.

Hacker's Valley, June 4.

**OSCAR F. WAINWRIGHT**, of West Virginia, (in a horn) who was convicted of perjury on February 7, 1874, and sentenced to four years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$100, has been pardoned by President Grant.

**THE MISSISSIPPI BUFFALO GRASS**, which has done so much execution among cattle, is described as being about half the size of a common horse, and jet black. It has a humped back or shoulder, like the buffalo, and hence its name.

**CHARLES H. TURNER**, the well known plumber, gas-fitter, manufacturer of engineers' supplies, &c., of Parkersburg, advertises in this issue of THE DEMOCRAT. Mr. Turner has recently supplied one or two important contracts to the Asylum; and also put up the gas and water fixtures in the elegant residence of Mr. J. M. Bennett. His establishment is at No. 1, and it might be well for our millers and others, needing machinery, to patronize West Virginia a little, instead of sending their money to the shores of the Atlantic Ocean, or the far-off beach of the Chesapeake Bay.

**CORNSTALK'S TOMAHAWK.**—While making an excavation at the Asylum, the other day, at a depth of five feet, the workmen picked up an Indian tomahawk, which had, no doubt, often been carried through this section of country, with a large and varied assortment of war-whoops attached to it, to the great dismay of "the oldest inhabitants." The weapon is made of some sort of hard rock; and by the pieces that have been chipped off the head, we judge that it has "seen some service."—Some of the boys slyly inscribed the legend "CORNSTALK," upon it; but this slander upon the old warrior is not allowable. He certainly attended "spelling bees," and knew that his cognomen was "CORNSTALK."

As the report that we are very wealthy has gone abroad among our subscribers, and has made them awful slow about paying up, thinking doubtless we don't want the money, we hasten to say the report of our wealth is false in every particular. If dozen steamers were selling at a cent a dozen, we couldn't make the first payment on a canon. The lightning of poverty has struck us square, and had it not been for an armful of hay our devil managed to steal from a blind mule, our cow would have been starving. Is not this a sad picture, and can you delinquent subscribers look upon it without feeling the greenbacks rustle with indignation in your pocket-books? We must not like to dun you, but we must if you fail to take the hint.—*Ez.*

**SALE OF LANDS.**—The important sale of lands by W. G. Bennett, Commissioner, which occurred on the 7th, 8th and 9th inst., brought out a large number of persons desiring to purchase, and bidding was quite spirited. The Bailey lands (40 tracts) situated on Sand Fork and its waters were all sold, at prices averaging from \$2.50 to \$3 per acre. It is reasonable to suppose, judging from our knowledge of the purchasers of these lands that they will soon be settled up and improved. This sale almost puts an end to what are known as "wild lands" in Lewis county.

The sale of the "Foussé Lands," on Leading Creek, resulted in fair prices for all the land offered—much better, in fact, than had been anticipated. The various tracts were sold at figures varying from \$5 to \$8 per acre.

These sales made up the largest job of Commissioner's work that has been done in this county for several years.

**A COMMUNITY OF CARPET BAGGERS.**—It is a singular fact that but 22 or 23 voters, now residing in Weston, were born within the limits of the Corporation. While making the assessment a short time ago, we took the trouble to ascertain, as near as we could, the birth-places of all the voters Out of 220, we ascertained the birth-places of 217, as follows:

New York—1.  
Indiana—1.  
Illinois—1.  
Prussia—1.  
New Jersey—2.  
Switzerland—2.  
Massachusetts—2.  
Germany—4.  
Maryland—4.  
Ohio—5.  
England—7.  
Ireland—18.  
Pennsylvania—21.  
Towns or Weston—22.  
Virginia—26.  
Other points in } —100  
West Virginia }

About 20 of the whole number are of the colored persuasion; and Monocounty county furnishes as more citizens than any other county in this or the old State, except Lewis.

**STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.**—Editors Democrat.—Please be kind enough to insert the following in the columns of your paper and request your exchanges throughout the State to copy the same.  
At a meeting of the West Virginia delegates to the International Sunday School Convention, held at Masonic Temple, Baltimore, Maryland, May 11, 12 and 13, an organization was effected by the election of Rev. S. B. Barritt, of Wheeling, West Virginia, Chairman, and Rev. A. A. P. Neel, of Shepherdstown, West Virginia, Secretary, after which the following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted:  
WHEREAS, There seems to be a call for efficient State and county organizations for Sunday School work in our State; be it therefore

Resolved, That we urge upon the Committee known as the Executive Committee, appointed by the Sunday School Convention of six or seven years ago, to take immediate steps for the calling of a State Sunday School Convention, at such time and place as may seem to them best, for the promotion of the cause of Sunday School work in our State.  
A. A. P. NEEL,  
Secretary Delegation.  
Shepherdstown, May 31, 1875.

The revenue of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and its branches for the month of April, 1874, was \$1,377,953.66, among the largest for any month in the history of the company, and for the month of April of the present year, \$2,312,527.50, an increase over the same month of the preceding year of \$84,573.60.

We learn that the celebrated stallion, "Grey Eagle," owned by Captain Elliott, of Gilmer county, died on Tuesday night last, at the farm of James Collins, on Sand Fork. "Grey Eagle" was the horse which was to have run against "Dowdell" on the Lewis county Fair-Grounds, last fall. Too much corn at a feed was the cause of his demise.

**LECTURE.**—Editor Democrat.—Please announce in your paper that the lecture to be delivered by Hon. W. E. Arnold will be given Monday evening, June 14th, instead of the 15th. All are invited to attend. Mr. Arnold always proves master of his subject; and we hope to see a large and appreciative audience. The lecture will be given in the School Hall.  
Respectfully,  
H. D. CLARK.

**HON. CHARLES JAMES FAULKNER**, member of Congress from the Second District, was in town last week. His name is so well known, and his reputation so firmly established, that it is not necessary to speak thereof. He is now the most prominent candidate for Vice-President of the United States on the Democratic ticket in 1876, and is meeting with the support of the press all over the country. His visit here was one of pleasure. He expressed himself as highly pleased with our town; and especially with the magnificent State building located here.

**DEATH OF THOMAS A. TAYLOR.**—On Tuesday last Thomas A. Taylor, son of the late Cabell Taylor, departed this life, at his late residence, near the city of Parkersburg. The deceased was born in this place in 1843, and was consequently 32 years of age at the time of his death, which was caused by erysipelas. The disease first manifested itself in one of his hands, and from thence spread until it reached a vital part. The remains were brought here on the 10th, and were on that day interred in the family burial ground in the cemetery near town. His cousins, J. S. Withers, and other relatives and friends, accompanied the remains here. The funeral was largely attended. "Tat" was so well known and universally loved here, that his death has cast a gloom over the entire community.

The Huntington Advertiser announces a scheme that we should think the Granger brethren would do well to fight off. It is for the erection at that point of a manufactory for agricultural implements under the auspices of Granges and Grangers in West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky. A meeting in furtherance of this object was held at Huntington on the 20th of last month, and another meeting with the same object in view is to be held at Buffalo, Putnam county, on the 2d of this month. The proposed scheme is to start a factory for the manufacture of ploughs, reapers, mowers, drills, fans, &c. The idea is that the Grangers can manufacture these implements cheaper than they can buy them in large quantities already manufactured, which is doubtful. Heretofore their programme has been to confine their operations to simple purchases, and not to embark in outside business, which was certainly a safe policy.

**THE NEXT NATIONAL ANNIVERSARY.**—The Fourth of July this year falls on Sunday, when the dominical, or Sunday letter, for July, happens to be C, which takes place on the second, eighth, thirteenth and nineteenth years of each solar cycle. The cycle is a period of twenty-eight years, during which the days of the month of each year return to the same days of the week as in a corresponding year of a preceding cycle, and the same connection is observed between the changes of the day of the week in passing from one to the next. It is true that the same day of the month falls on the same day of the week four times during the cycle, but the same regular succession is not preserved in those intervening years. Hence the entire period of twenty-eight years is required to regulate the calendar. The Fourth of July fell on Sunday in 1809, and this will happen again next year, in 1839, and in 1866. A new cycle commences in 1896, and the Fourth of July falls on Sunday in 1897, 1903 and 1914.

Fresh Fruits of all kinds at Vassar's Moving Machines, Rakes, Wagons and Plows at Chalfant & Moore's. Nails, Builders' Hardware, Tools, &c., at Chalfant & Moore's.

Best English and American Seythes at Chalfant & Moore's.

That Tea at 75 cts per pound and Coffee 25 cts at Chalfant & Moore's.

Sugar Cured Hams, Shoulders and Breakfast Bacon at Chalfant & Moore's.

Paints, Oils and Window Glass at Chalfant & Moore's.

Dr. A. M. DENT has located permanently in Weston for the practice of his profession. Having attended a thorough course of lectures at Sterling Medical College, after an experience of twelve years as a practical druggist, the Doctor has obtained not only an accurate knowledge of diseases, but also, from his long experience as a druggist, understands perfectly the properties of medicines, and their application in the treatment of disease. The Doctor can be found at his residence on Centre Street, nearly opposite the Court House. All calls, night and day, promptly attended to.

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**THIS MONSTER SHOW** will be on exhibition daily from 7 A. M. to 10 P. M., (Sundays excepted.)

THE FEROCIOUS

Wild Beasts of the Forest

will not be on exhibition at present, but their absence will be fully made up by a large stock of Dry Goods, Groceries, Notions, Ready Made Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Queensware, Wooden-ware, &c. We will not enter into the

Den of Wild Lions,

but will be in our proper place, and will sell our goods at such figures that you will forget all about such things as Wild Lions, and realize that you have saved your money to invest in Dry Goods, Groceries and Notions, marked down to the lowest prices. Neither will we introduce the

Ten Baby Elephants,

but will sell you Ladies' Dress Goods at prices that will convince you that we understand our business. Those who have never seen the real living

HI PROPOTANUS,

will not see it here, but will see Groceries, &c. sold at "old time" prices. Among the living curiosities we regret we have not at present on hand

A LIVE SNAKE 100 FEET LONG,

but what odds when you can see the variety of goods and bargains we give. Our

LIVE SNAKE

is dead, but by buying our goods of first hands, we dispense with the "middle man's" profit, and can therefore sell low.  
So we will not mourn for the escaped

TIGERS, HYENAS &amp; LEOPARDS,